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For: MICROPUMP, MICROPUMP UNIT INCLUDING THE MICROPUMP,
SAMPLE PROCESSING CHIP FOR USE WITH THE UNIT, AND
SHEET CONNECTOR FOR USE WITH THE UNIT



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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. All of these references were cited in an European Search Report dated February 21, 2005 (copy attached). The JP '400 document is already of record.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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